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Dear Barton,

I have to inform you that Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd is at present on a visit to Shanghai endeavouring to find customers for the curio business which she is conducting in Peking.

Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd was born a subject of the Netherlands, but has acquired British nationality by marriage. She arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong on October 10, 1929. She secured employment shortly afterwards as manageress of the "Lotus d'Or", a curio shop at No. 592/5 Avenue Joffre, which was owned by Mr. d'Aumion de Ruffe, a well known French lawyer. Her husband, Mr. C.G. Lloyd, was at that time employed here by Elm & Co. Ltd, but they did not live together.

On November 12, 1929, Mrs. Lloyd instituted divorce proceedings in H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai and was granted a Decree Nisi on January 24, 1930.

Mrs. Lloyd resigned from the "Lotus d'Or" in the Autumn of 1930 and left Shanghai for Peking where, it is said, she established a business of her own. It is said that Mrs. Lloyd's resignation from the "Lotus d'Or" resulted from dissatisfaction on the part of Mr. d'Aumion de Ruffe with the way she managed the business during a period that he was absent in Europe.

Yours sincerely,



J. Barton, Esq.,

British Consulate-General.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
File No. R. REGISTRY

REPORT

Special Branch Section

Date July 11, 1933

**SECRET**

Subject (in full) Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Moore

With reference to the remarks of the Officer i/c Special Branch regarding a Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd, this person is visiting Shanghai in connection with her curio business at Peking.

According to reports she makes frequent visits to Shanghai with a view to getting in touch with potential customers among travellers intending to visit Peking.

D.S.I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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C. & S. B. REGISTRY

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DEUTSCHE SHANGHAI ZEITUNG, OCTOBER 8, 1932,

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C. & S. B. REGISTRY  
No. 3536  
Date 7/1/33

THE NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS, FRIDAY, JULY 7, 1933

Mrs. Madalen Lloyd of Peking recently received an invitation to go to the United States to help in the organization of a new Oriental Art Museum in New England. One of the well known American art collectors asked Mrs. Lloyd to complete his Chinese collection for the new museum which he intends to establish in his native city near Boston. Mrs. Lloyd left Peking for Shanghai on July 2 to make arrangements for her American trip in the autumn.

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are now being made  
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LA COMMISSIONER	SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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	QUARTIER DIPLOMATIQUE.
	No. <u>D. 3536.</u>
PEKIN.	May 11th. 1932.
	Date <u>17/5/32</u>

The Commissioner of Police,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your <sup>confidential</sup> letter dated the 5th instant, giving me information about Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd, and thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken.

I am relieved to know that the Municipal Police know nothing against her character, as the Administrative Commission has granted her permission to open a curio store in the Diplomatic Quarter.

With renewed thanks,

Yours faithfully,

W. P. Thomas

Secretary.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE  
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*Confidential*

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated April 14, 1932, I have to state that Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd was born a subject of the Netherlands, but has acquired British nationality by marriage. She arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong on October 10, 1929. She secured employment shortly afterwards as manageress of the "Lotus d'Or", a curio shop at No. 593/5 Avenue Joffre, which was owned by Mr. d'Auxion de Ruffe, a well known French lawyer. Her husband, Mr. C.G. Lloyd, was at that time employed here by Elm & Co. Ltd, but they did not live together.

On November 12, 1929, Mrs. Lloyd instituted divorce proceedings in H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai and was granted a Decree Nisi on January 24, 1930.

Mrs. Lloyd resigned from the "Lotus d'Or" in the Autumn of 1930 and left Shanghai for Peking where, it is said, she established a business of her own. It is said that Mrs. Lloyd's resignation from the "Lotus d'Or" resulted from dissatisfaction on the part of Mr. d'Auxion de Ruffe with the way she managed the business during a period that he was absent in Europe.

During her stay in Shanghai, Mrs. Lloyd lived at various addresses, including the Plaza Hotel and No. 597 Avenue Joffre.

The report that Mrs. Lloyd was employed by the "Great (Gray) Trading Company" cannot be confirmed, but it is possible that she had business dealings with that firm.

There is nothing known to the Municipal Police against the character of Mrs. Lloyd.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) F. W. Gerrard

Commissioner of Police.

W.P. Thomas, Esq.,

Secretary,

La Commission Administrative  
du Quartier Diplomatique,  
Peiping.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No.	
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE	
C & S. B. REGISTRY	
SECTION 2 Station,	
No. D 3536.	
Date May 2, 1932	
Date 2/5/32	
Commission of Legation	

Subject (in full) Letter from Secretary of Administrative Commission of Legation

Quarter, Peking, re: Mrs Magdalen Lloyd.

Made by D.S.Prokofiev

Forwarded by

*S.B. K.*

With reference to the letter of April 14, 1932 from the Secretary of the Administrative Commission of the Legation Quarter, Peking, on the subject of Mrs Magdalen Lloyd, enquiries show that this lady is Dutch by birth and British by marriage. She has been married twice and has a son by first husband.

On October 10, 1929 she arrived in Shanghai from Hongkong, together with her son, and took up residence at the Plaza Hotel. Shortly afterwards she secured employment as manageress of the "Lotus d'Or", a curio shop at No 593-5 Avenue Joffre, owned by Mr. d'Auxion de Ruffé, a well known local French lawyer. On October 22, 1929 she removed from the Plaza Hotel to No 597 Avenue Joffre. Her husband, Mr. C.G. Lloyd, who was at that time employed with the Elm & Co., Ltd, resided apart from his wife.

On November 12, 1929 Mrs Lloyd instituted divorce proceedings in H.B.M. Supreme Court at Shanghai. The petition which charged her husband with adultery, was heard on January 24, 1930 when she was granted a Decree Nisi which was made absolute on July 26, 1930.

During the autumn of 1930 she resigned from her position at the "Lotus d'Or" owing, it is rumoured, to the fact that Mr. d'Auxion de Ruffé was dissatisfied with the manner in which the business had been conducted during his absence to Europe.

Some time later she proceeded to Peking with the object of establishing her own business.

We have been unable to confirm the information that she was ever employed with the "Gray Trading Company" in Shanghai, but it is quite possible that she had business dealings with this firm.

Apart from the foregoing nothing is known in this of

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file against Mrs Lloyd.

G. Prokofiev

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To S2 Shanghai, April 20 1932

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at St. Anne  
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belonging to  
Mrs. Landon de Ruffe  
which deals in  
Chinese curios.

D.S. Prokofiev *JK*  
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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

PEKIN, April 14th S. REGISTRY.

No. D. 3536.

Date 20. 4. 32.

The Commissioner of Police,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
International Settlement,  
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

I venture to enquire if you could give me any confidential information regarding a certain Mrs. Magdalen Lloyd. This lady, who is, I am told, Dutch by birth and British by marriage to a British husband, now divorced, has been in Peking for about two years and has a curio business in the Grand Hotel de Peking, and she has applied to the Commission for permission to open a curio show-room in the Diplomatic Quarter. I am told that previously she was in Shanghai, in the employ of a firm called I think "the Great Trading Company" dealing in ladies <sup>silk</sup> underwear, etc.,. I have also heard that she was there connected in some way with a gentleman named Auxion de Ruffe, or some such name. I would like to find out what was her reputation while she lived in Shanghai, and why she left her employment there.

I shall be grateful for any information you can give me.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

W. P. Thomas

Secretary.

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